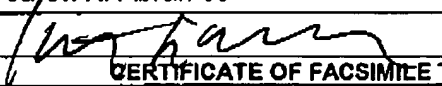
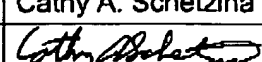


REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL	Application Number 09/648,490	Filing Date August 25, 2000
Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	First Named Inventor Whittle	Group Art Unit 1614
	Examiner Name Kwon	Attorney Docket Number 5573-124
	This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction Sheet for RCE's (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.	
	1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s). i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on February 18, 2005 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____ iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ b. <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
2. Miscellaneous a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required) b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0220. i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ b. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed c. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0220		

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